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Please amend Claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) A combined container-item holder for a gaming device including a cabinet and a support connected to the cabinet, said combined container-item holder comprising:

a container holding portion adapted to be mounted to the support, said container holding portion including a base and a body extending from the base, wherein said base and body define a chamber for receiving and holding a container, and wherein the base defines at least one opening to enable fluid to drain from the chamber; and

an item holding portion connected to the container holding portion, said item holding portion including a securing member adapted to securely and removably hold an item of a player.

Please cancel Claim 15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please cancel Claim 16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) The container-item holder of Claim 13, wherein the body includes a flange which has a circumference greater than a circumference of a channel in the support adapted to receive the body.

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Please amend Claim 22 as follows:

22. (Amended) A gaming device comprising:

a cabinet; and

a support connected to the cabinet which defines at least one channel within the support which is adapted to receive a combined container-item holder, wherein said combined container-item holder includes a container holder and an item holder connected to the container holder, wherein said item holder includes a securing member adapted to securely and removably hold an item of a player.

Please add New Claim 26 as follows:

26. (Newly Added) A gaming device comprising:

a cabinet;

a support connected to the cabinet; and

a combined container-item holder connected to the support, said combined container-item holder including a container holder and an item holder connected to the container holder, wherein the container holder includes a base and a body connected to the base, said base defining at least one opening which enables fluid to drain through the base.

Please add New Claim 27 as follows:

27. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 26, wherein the support includes a bolster.

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Please add New Claim 28 as follows:

28. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 27, wherein the bolster includes a substantially vertically extending channel adapted to receive the container-item holder.

Please add New Claim 29 as follows:

29. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 26, wherein the item holder is rotatably connected to the container holder.

Please add New Claim 30 as follows:

30. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 26, wherein the container holder includes a body and a flange connected to the body, wherein the flange has a circumference greater than a circumference of a channel in the support adapted to receive the container holder.

Please add New Claim 31 as follows:

31. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 26, wherein the item holder includes a hook.

Please add New Claim 32 as follows:

32. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 26, wherein the item holder includes a connecting portion connected to the base and a securing portion connected to the connecting portion.

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Please add New Claim 33 as follows:

33. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 33, wherein the connecting portion is rotatably connected to the base.

Please add New Claim 34 as follows:

34. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 26, wherein the item holder includes a connecting portion and a securing portion connected to the connecting portion.

Please add New Claim 35 as follows:

35. (Newly Added) The gaming device of Claim 35, wherein the securing portion includes means for inhibiting an item from being easily removed from the item holder.

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Please add New Claim 36 as follows:

36. (Newly Added) A combined container-item holder for a gaming device including a cabinet and a support connected to the cabinet, said combined container-item holder comprising:

a container holding portion adapted to be mounted to the support, said container holding portion including a base, a body extending from the base, wherein said base and body define a chamber for receiving and holding a container, and wherein the body includes a flange which has a circumference greater than a circumference of a channel in the support adapted to receive the body; and

an item holding portion connected to the container holding portion said item holding portion including a securing member which is adapted to securely and removably hold an item of a player.

Please add New Claim 37 as follows:

37. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 36, wherein the item holding portion is rotatably connected to the container holding portion.

Please add New Claim 38 as follows:

38. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 36, wherein the base defines at least one opening which enables fluid to drain from the chamber.

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Please add New Claim 39 as follows:

39. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 36, wherein the item holding portion includes a connecting member connected to the container holding portion and connected to the securing member.

Please add New Claim 40 as follows:

40. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 39, wherein the connecting member is rotatably connected to the container holding member.

Please add New Claim 41 as follows:

41. (Newly Added) A gaming device comprising:  
a cabinet;  
a support connected to the cabinet; and  
a combined container-item holder connected to the support, said combined container-item holder including a container holder and an item holder connected to the container holder, wherein the container holder includes a body and a flange connected to the body, and wherein the flange has a circumference greater than a circumference of a channel in the support adapted to receive the container holder.

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Please add New Claim 42 as follows:

42. (Newly Added) A combined container-item holder for a gaming device comprising:

a container holding portion adapted to be mounted to a support, said container holding portion including a base and a body extending from the base, wherein said base and body define a chamber for receiving and holding a container; and

an item holding portion connected to the container holding portion, said item holding portion including a securing member adapted to securely and removably hold an item of a player.

Please add New Claim 43 as follows:

43. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 42, wherein the item holding portion is rotatably connected to the container holding portion.

Please add New Claim 44 as follows:

44. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of the Claim 42, wherein the container holding portion includes a base, a body extending from the base, said base and body defining a chamber for receiving and holding a container.

Please add New Claim 45 as follows:

45. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 44, wherein the base defines at least one opening which enables fluid to drain from the chamber.

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Please add New Claim 46 as follows:

46. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 44, wherein the body includes a flange which has a circumference greater than a circumference of a channel in the support adapted to receive the body.

Please add New Claim 47 as follows:

47. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 42, wherein the item holding portion includes a connecting member connected to the container holding portion and connected to the securing member.

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Please add New Claim 48 as follows:

48. (Newly Added) The container-item holder of Claim 47, wherein the connecting member is rotatably connected to the container holding member.

Please add New Claim 49 as follows:

49. (Newly Added) A combined container-item holder for a gaming device comprising:

a container holding portion adapted to be mounted to a support, said container holding portion including a base and a body extending from the base, wherein said base and body define a chamber for receiving and holding a container; and

an item holding portion rotatably connected to the container holding portion, said item holding portion including a securing member adapted to securely and removably hold an item of a player.

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Please add New Claim 50 as follows:

50. (Newly Added) A combined container-item holder for a gaming device comprising:

a container holding portion adapted to be mounted to a support, said container holding portion including a base and a body extending from the base, wherein said base and body define a chamber for receiving and holding a container; and

an item holding portion fixedly connected to the container holding portion, said item holding portion including a securing member adapted to securely and removably hold an item of a player.

Please add New Claim 51 as follows:

51. (Newly Added) A gaming device comprising:

a cabinet;

a support connected to the cabinet; and

a combined container-item holder connected to the support, wherein said combined container-item holder includes a container holding portion and an item holding portion, said container holding portion including a base and a body extending from the base, wherein said base and body define a chamber for receiving and holding a container, and wherein the body includes a flange which has a circumference greater than a circumference of a channel in the support adapted to receive the body, said item holding portion connected to the container holding portion and including a securing member for securely and removably holding an item of a player.

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Please add New Claim 52 as follows:

52. (Newly Added) A gaming device comprising:

a cabinet;

a support connected to the cabinet; and

a combined container-item holder connected to the support, wherein said combined container-item holder includes a container holder and an item holder connected to the container holder, and wherein said item holder includes a connecting portion for connecting said item holder to said container holder and a securing portion adapted to securely and removably hold an item of a player.

Please add New Claim 53 as follows:

53. (Newly Added) A combined container-item holder for a gaming device including a cabinet and a support connected to the cabinet, said combined container-item holder comprising:

a container holding portion adapted to be mounted to the support; and

an item holding portion connected to the container holding portion, said item holding portion including a connecting member for connecting the item holding portion to the container holding portion and a securing member adapted to securely and removably hold an item of a player.